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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR UNLOADING SUBSTRATE CARRIERS FROM SUBSTRATE

CARRIER TRANSPORT SYSTEM

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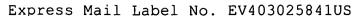
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. Patent No. 5,762,544, Zuniga et al.

Foreign Art Reference No. EP 0 987 750 A1 (EPO)

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Foreign Art Reference No. WO 99/64207 (WIPO)

Foreign Art Reference No. WO 02/19392 A1 (WIPO)

These references are also listed on the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO-1449).

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

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